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New campus buildings near completion. See picture spread on page 4.

Inside this issue

UCF steps up efforts to advise, speed academic progress

UCF is making sure its always casually clothed students end up dressed for success in cap and gown.

Long before the last Florida Legislature began to take up the issue of graduation rates and the time many State University System students take to earn degrees, UCF was intensifying efforts to keep students in school and hasten the day they would stride across the commencement platform for handshakes and diplomas.

For UCF, the arrival last fall of Maribeth Ehasz-Sanz in the new function of assistant dean for academic development and retention in the Division of Enrollment and Academic Services represented a

shifting of gears in helping students succeed. Fittingly, the accelerated pace of activity drew energy from the UCF tenet, "Accent on the Individual."

"The key to personal choices that enable students to succeed academically is personal contact," says Ehasz-Sanz, who has put that belief into operational practice here after seeing it work for her former employers, the University of Toledo and Appalachian State University.

Nowhere is the personalized approach more evident than in the initiatives of the Academic Exploration Program, Minority Student Services, Academic Services for Student-Athletes and the Student Academic Resource Center, all units

under Ehasz-Sanz's direction. Instead of waiting for students to seek advice or help, which sometimes occurs after problems have ballooned into crises, the staffers are finding more ways to reach out pro-actively.

During the last academic year, for instance, scores of students who did not recognize the severity of potential academic troubles were reached before their problems got out of hand. By means of a phonathon aimed at undergraduates who had never sought advising out of ignorance or schedules that left no time for professional advisement, UCF advisers in the Academic Development and Retention unit were able to correct self-inflicted damage in

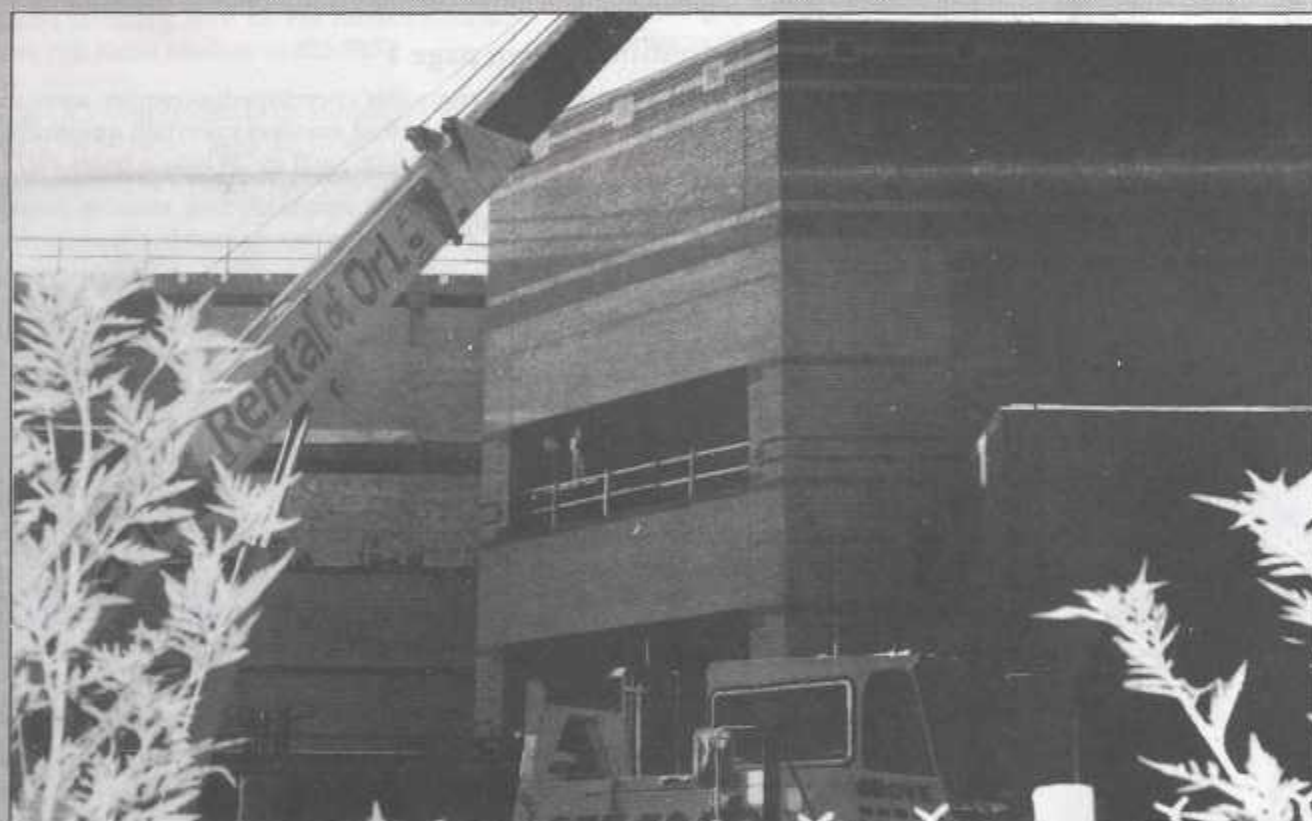
course selection, sequencing, choice of major and study plans.

Similarly, staffers within the Student Academic Resource Center have developed a pilot summer-assistance program for new freshmen whose SATs or high school grades raise suspicions they might need some extra help on college course work.

Attention has been lavished, too, on helping undecided students define their academic directions.

"The literature is rich with evidence that students are risking attrition if they don't have academic plans or goals," says Ehasz-Sanz, noting further that freshmen across the

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The Student Union Center is scheduled for opening next summer. It will provide space for Student Government offices, meeting and conference rooms, a banquet room, a food court, fast-food vendors, a pub, TV rooms, reading and study rooms, a game room and a retail area.

Building projects thrive on campus

In spite of fears that budget cuts would derail UCF's building plans, architects are currently drawing up the final plans for a major UCF building and UCF's first parking garage as the completion dates for four other UCF structures draw near.

UCF received the funding to go ahead with a 81,000 square-foot Communication Building with its completion date set for 1997, and a parking garage, which will open in fall 1996, as well as several other smaller structures and remodeling projects.

Meanwhile, the Center for Research and Education in Optics and Lasers and the International Student Center are scheduled for completion by this fall. Computer Center III will open March 1996.

The CREOL building is located

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Computer scientist develops artificial intelligence for answering questions

At the touch of a few buttons, one can use a calculator to find answers to the most difficult mathematical equations in just a matter of seconds. Now imagine doing the same for questions, such as, "When was Lincoln's birthday?" or "Where do eagles live?" or "What year did Florida receive statehood?"

Thus far, computer programs with this capability only exist in the movies. But computer scientists at the

University of Central Florida are working toward making this concept a reality.

Fernando Gomez, a UCF computer science professor, has for the last 10 years worked to develop an artificial intelligence program, called SNOWY, that can acquire knowledge from encyclopedic texts, namely "The World Book Encyclopedia," and answer questions related to that knowledge.

So far, the program being developed by Gomez answers questions about the diets and habitats of animals. It is currently being extended to answer questions about biographies.

"Once this technology is fully developed, it will become commonplace. Students will be able to use it to do their homework. Businesspeople can use it to conduct research," said Gomez.

But answering questions correctly is not the only concern. The speed at which the program provides answers is of utmost importance. "The key to making this program a valuable resource is its ability to understand natural language, to acquire knowledge and to relay answers to questions in real time," Gomez said.

The difference between SNOWY

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MEMORANDUM

To: University community
From: Gary Whitehouse, Academic Affairs
Subject: Exclusive off-campus "coursepacks"

Based upon a student inquiry, Janet Balanoff, director for Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office, has recently completed a study on the impact of exclusive rights for "coursepacks," which have been granted to off-campus sources. The issue revolves around students with disabilities and veterans who are negatively impacted by not having educational materials available on campus.

According to Balanoff's analysis, there is legal discrimination against a protected class caused by the exclusive rights approach. She recommended that a ruling be made that all materials recommended or required for purchase by students must be made available through the campus outlets as well as others selected by faculty.

Because of this legal requirement, it is essential that all faculty supply one copy of all coursepacks or materials to the University Bookstore or Computer Store, as appropriate, at least two weeks before the start of classes.

These agencies will then reproduce the materials and make them available for any students desiring them. This policy has been discussed with the deans of the colleges and approved by them.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Staff Members Complete Supervisory Class



Another group of graduates are recognized by the University Personnel Services for completing the Supervisory Skills Series. Recent graduates include, standing, left to right, Amy Perry, Barbara Brown, William Hovanec, Jennie McCrone, Paul Fletcher, John Clark, Charles Ponton, Venus Giler, Beverly DeLong, Larry Friedt, Alice Hansen and Dale Milner; sitting, left to right, Arlene Rashy, Dorris Cannon, Christina Jennings, Derek Johnson and Ophelia Daniel. The Supervisory Skills Series is ongoing. For information, contact Maxine Bowers or Deedre Duwve at 823-2771.

Official Ballot to Spotlight the UCF Employee of the Month

I nominate:

(name)

(campus address)

to be UCF Employee of the Month. (Nominee must have been a University Support Personnel System employee at least two years.) Any employee, including faculty and A&P, may nominate a candidate on the basis of job performance, dependability, attitude, etc. A name submitted remains in the pool of eligible candidates for one year.

Signed:

(name)

(campus address, phone)

Cut ballot and return to personnel, ADM 230, EOM. (Mark envelope "confidential.")

Annual awards to be presented to staff

During the USPS Staff Council Banquet on July 28, awards will be given by President John Hitt to USPS employees who have worked at UCF five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 consecutive years. The employee of the year will be chosen from the 12 employees of the month.

Employees being honored for 25 years of service are Margito Caro, Bernard Slessinger, Peggy Smith and Walter Teague. The 20-year recipients are Thomas Blanton, Doris Butcher, Albert Clark, Catherine Harward, Margaret Leclair and Charlotte Myers. Those celebrating 15 years of service are Mary Andersen, Marilyn Brown, Jay Buckholdt, Barbara Carey, David Douglas, Martha Fioramanti, Mary Friedt, Brenda Kashow, Sharon Kaye, Charlotte Meade, Alene Rashym, Alice Smith, Ernest Studly, James Swaim and Linda Vail.

The 10-year honorees are Debra Amsden, Sharon Ballard, Gregory Bealer, Bobby Bennett, George Boeckel, Michele Branham, Rita Carew, Rudy Cashe, Phyllis Clarke, Edmund Dabiedath, Larry J. Davis, Wanda Dutton, Lois Engley, Charles R. Evans, Allan Garnet, Salva Heard, Russell Hill Jr., Raynette Kibbee, Dennis Lafleur, Robert Laumer, Barbara McMahon, Awdra Montgomery, Alva Oliver, Patricia Parker, Dirk Rivers, Ann Schuster, Alana Shepherd, Barbara Sherwood, Frederick Smith, Michael Smith, Gayla Swenson, Mary Swinton, Philip Therrien, Anthony Travaglini, Robert Vincent, Mary Wollitz and Deborah Wylie.

Employees with five years of service are Rebecca Al-Hattab, Sheila Anderson, Linda Baker, Douglas Barrett, Gloria Baskerville, Elizabeth Benjamin, Earlene Bradley, Edward A. Brown, William E. Brown, Sandra Bulger, Deirdre Campbell, Athena Candela, Oscar Cariaso, Scott Casamento, Robert Coch, Sara Concepcion, Mildred Cunningham, Elsa Dantes, Constance Dawson, Patricia Delaney, Patricia Dilling, Mary Dimiceli, Robert Donaldson, Gillian Dreilinger, John French, Danton George, Richard Gossett, Linda Hagle, Joan Hammon, Donald Harper, Linda Herget, Michael Hidalgo, Margaret Hightower, Anh Lam, Joseph Lehmuth, Veronica Lindsay, Lee Logan, Helen Marimon, Betty W. Martin, Harry Megill, Alicia Mercado-Ruiz, Rosemary Monroy, Gary Montgomery, Ashley Morgan, Curtis Moye, Virginia Muzzy, Judith Odom, Barbara Ortaliz, Rhonda Osborne, William Parks Jr., Karen Poyser, Evelyn Ramirez, Diane Reitz, Patrick Robinson, John Romanski, Barbara Rubright, Lynda Russell, Andrea Savas, Joseph Sciarino, Thomas Shaffer, Audry Siebenrock, Arthur Simmons II, Carmen Simon, Linda Sobey, Nancy Stephens, Patricia Tiberii, Nancy Timmons, Walter Tomon, Valerie Truhan, Van Vangor, Matilde Villalba, Sue Vonderbrink, Doanh Vu and Jesse Wallace Jr.

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and computer encyclopedias is that computer encyclopedias require users to locate and read specific articles in order to find answers to certain questions.

In contrast, if SNOWY is asked a question, such as "What do bears eat?" it first tries to answer the question from what it already knows about bears in its memory. If SNOWY cannot obtain the answer from memory, then it reads the encyclopedia article on bears and retrieves the answer.

To select sentences in the article that are remotely related to the diet of bears, a computer program called a "skimmer" is used. A skimmer is designed to identify sentences within a text sharing certain key words. Sentences such as "Bears like honey" are also detected. The selected sentences are passed along to SNOWY for full processing. During the processing stage, their syntactic structure and meanings are analyzed. Also, during processing, SNOWY "learns" about the diets of bears and about other animals and events related to bears.

Assisting Gomez in his research are Carlos Segami, a math and computer science professor at Barry University in Miami and a former assistant professor of computer sciences at UCF, and UCF computer science students Richard Hull and Bruce Martin.

At present, all of the texts analyzed by the program have been in English. However, the design principles underlying the program can be transferred to other languages. But for now, Gomez said, he and his team of scientists are testing and retesting the program to make sure that it correctly interprets information from the encyclopedia and questions being asked by the user.

Recent information about this project was published in the proceedings of the Association for Computational Linguistics Fourth Conference on Applied Natural Language Processing. The conference was held last October in Stuttgart, Germany.

There are organizations awaiting the completion of this project. Among them is NASA, one of the project's financial supporters. For the last six years, some applications of this research, including the automation of knowledge acquisition for expert systems and automation of database design from natural language input, have received support from NASA. Last March, the database design project received a NASA grant for nearly \$100,000. Once this program for database design is complete, the Kennedy Space Center will receive a working prototype.



Fernando Gomez

THIS ISSUE:

This issue of The UCF Report is for the weeks of July 14-20, July 21-27 and July 28-Aug. 3. It is the first issue of fiscal year 1995-96.

WHAT HAPPENED THEN:

July 26, 1982—The Central Florida Research Park officials announce that they have their first tenant.

July 12, 1984—UCF archaeologists Arlen and Diane Chase announce the discovery of a 500-year-old cache of Maya ritual offerings in Belize.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW:

■ The UCF Alumni Association is sponsoring a free workshop on how to buy a home and develop a budget you can stick to. Whether a first-time buyer or a seasoned veteran, the POWER (Providing Opportunities With Education and Resources) House workshop series will give you tips on shopping for a home, obtaining a mortgage, closing on a home and creating a family budget. The two-day workshop will also provide you with loan information and a free personal credit report. They will be held July 29 and Aug. 5, 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Business Administration Building. Call the Alumni Association to RSVP at 823-2586.

■ The university will be hosting two open house events this fall. Colleges, departments and student organizations are represented at these events. Attendance in the past has been approximately 900 students and parents per event. The events will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, and Saturday, Nov. 18. For further information, call Keith Mulkay at 823-5437.

■ UCF will celebrate its annual Diversity Week on Monday, Sept. 25, through Saturday, Sept. 30. It will feature lectures, concerts, classes, exhibits, and other programs and activities related to race, culture, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, age, religion and other aspects of diversity. The event encourages and supports cross-cultural understanding and the development of relationships between and among diverse individuals and groups on campus and throughout the Greater Orlando community. For more information, call the Office of Diversity Initiatives at 823-6479.

■ The Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop will be held on Aug. 23 in the Business Administration Building, room 119, at 8 a.m. All new graduate teaching assistants are required to attend. The university's accreditation requires that all graduate students attend a workshop on teaching before they are allowed to participate in teaching activities. Also, legally, the university is responsible for informing graduate students about equal opportunity issues and grading policies. For further information, call Angie Mojica at 823-6432.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

The next holiday will be Labor Day on Sept. 4, making it a three-day weekend. It will be a university-wide holiday.

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country, including those at UCF, arrive at college without clear academic plans.

To lower attrition risks associated with not declaring a major and to speed progress towards graduation, a four-week workshop was inaugurated by the Academic Exploration Program to help first-time-in-college students fashion academic goals once they evaluated their strengths, weaknesses and preferences. The pilot program paid off and will be expanded this fall. An alumni academic support network, telephone advising and individually assigned advisers are added features.

The Minority Student Services staff also are increasing efforts to make early contact with new freshmen. New student and parent meetings are scheduled at each summer orientation program; each FTIC-to-be is assigned an individual who becomes that student's academic advocate.

Such innovation and cooperation has proven infectious and self-reinforcing.

The creation of an interdivisional strategic planning team for student orientation has led to mandatory sessions, greater participation by parents and the colleges, on-demand advising and streamlining that has cut the registration process in half, according to Ehasz-Sanz.

Carol Wilson, a team member and associate vice president for student services in the Student Affairs Division, pronounces the changes successful on the strength of the smiles that light up the faces of orienting students and their parents. "We are dealing well with all of the retention and development issues that are part of the larger orientation process," she says.

Meanwhile, the College of Engineering is venturing into new territory with efforts to accommodate students who want to buck the growing nationwide trend of taking more than four years to graduate. Incoming freshmen intending to complete degrees in engineering may now enter agreements that obligate the college to provide four-year degree completion programs. Under the

agreement, students who stick to the schedule and maintain their grades can anticipate graduating at the end of four years.

High-tech advisement aids are likely to supplement the "high-touch" strategies already deployed, Ehasz-Sanz says. According to the Bowling Green University and University of Toledo graduate, one of the current objectives is to link the student data course file with the electronic adviser the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management Systems has built. That way all students could use the artificial intelligence-based system without having to input their own course histories. Believed to be the first application of expert systems technology to the student advising



Maribeth Ehasz-Sanz

process within the SUS, the interactive course selection system logically considers many of the complicated variables students face when deciding what courses to take to graduate within the time limits they set for themselves.

Business Administration Staff Recognized



The College of Business Administration recently held its second Staff Association Recognition Award Ceremony. Far left, Dean Richard Huseman presented Outstanding Performance Awards to, front row, left to right, Mickey Mullen, office manager, Economics Department; Veronica Lindsay, senior secretary, Office of Student Support; and Bill Dorrough, program assistant, Office of Student Support; back row, left to right, Deborah Culp, senior secretary, Office of Student Support; Fran Percival, program assistant, Office of Student Support; Ellen Lawrence, office manager, Hospitality Management Department; Loretta Wollitz, senior secretary, Office of Student Support; Claire McClure, office manager, Finance Department; Linda Vail, retired office manager, Dr. Phillips Institute; and Caroline Sully, program assistant, Office of Student Support. Far right, also on hand for the ceremony was Richard Hofler, chair for the Economics Department. Two Exceptional Achievement Awards were presented to McClure and Mullen.

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near the Engineering Building; Computer Center III is just north of Computer Center I and II; and the International Student Center is west of the Wayne Densch Sports Center, off Central Florida Boulevard.

The Student Union Center, which sits in the campus' inner core on Pegasus Circle, will be completed by the summer of 1996, though its completion could be delayed if more monies become available to add more space. Currently, the Student Union is in Phase III of its construction. Phase IV allows for the addition of space, which may be done at some later date.

The parking garage, which will have 1,300 parking spaces, will be located at the parking lot just north of the Education Building. It will most likely have five stories.

According to Azita Dashtaki, architect for UCF's Facilities Planning, the design for the garage will be completed by early December.

"It will have a brick facade so that it fits in with the other buildings on campus. The architects, Burke, Bales & Mills Associates, have lots of experience with parking garages and a record of paying attention to the esthetics. They'll make sure that it blends in with the rest of the campus."

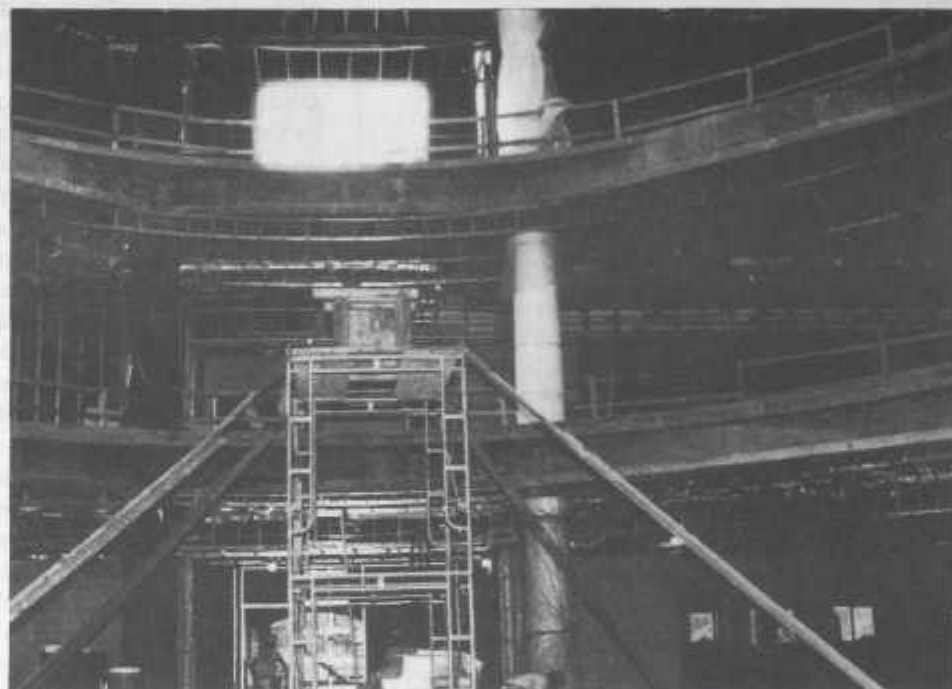
The Communication Building is also in the design stage, though the "footprint," that is, the basic, tentative form, is set. Hunton Brady Pryor Maso Architects will have that process completed this fall.

"The bid for construction will be out in November. The groundbreaking will follow shortly after," Dashtaki said.

The Communication Building will be built next to the Lake Claire Apartments just north of the Visual Arts Building within the inner academic core of campus along Apollo Circle. The two-story building will have an auditorium that seats 300 and approximately 12 classrooms. The first floor will also include a TV classroom, a darkroom, a film screening classroom, film demonstration room, film audition room and a radio complex with a control room. There will also be a large film sound stage and a video/TV studio.

The top floor will house the school's headquarters, the faculty offices, plus six labs for writing, typography, speech and observation.

Besides monies for remodeling Computer Centers I and II and the Wastewater Treatment Center, UCF also received funds for a Housing



This shows the four-story atrium from inside the unfinished Student Union Center. The atrium is 86 feet high and covered with a skylight, which is the hub of the building.

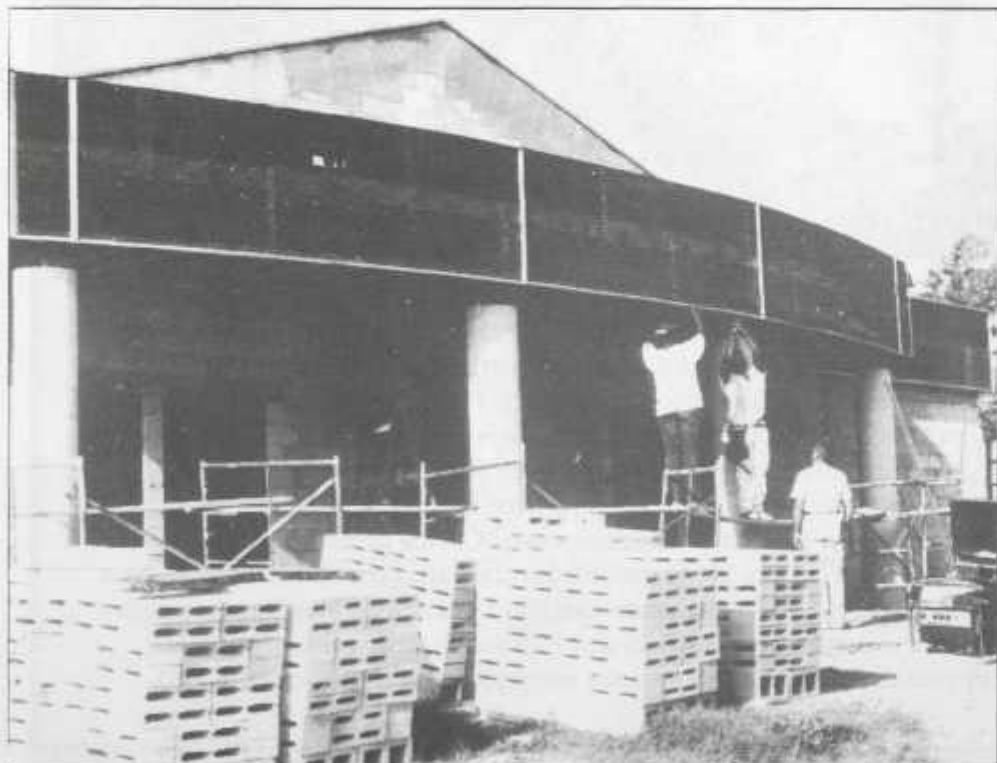
Administrative Facility and a Solar Energy Auditorium, which will be situated at the Florida Solar Energy Center. The housing facility will include two buildings—an office to house the Residential Housing staff and a warehouse. The buildings will be near the dorms across from the Physical Plant.

"Those buildings will complete that residential quad," Dashtaki said. Ponikvar & Associates have been named the architects for the project. The design will be completed this summer.

Below, the new CREOL Building is located between the Engineering Building and the Arboretum. Bottom left, the International Student Center, which will house International Student Services, is located just off Central Florida Boulevard. Both buildings are scheduled for completion this fall.



Right, the glass structure in the lobby of the CREOL Building is the elevator. Below, Computer Center III is located directly behind Computer Center I and II across from the Student Union Center.



Math department presents annual awards to students

The UCF Mathematics Department held its annual awards ceremony for math students, according to Lokenath Debnath, chair for the department. The department has been presenting awards for the last 12 years. Each recipient received a \$100 cash award and a plaque. Parents were invited to the event, which included a pizza party.

Deborah Kelly received two awards, the Graduate Research Award and the Graduate Teaching Award. The research award winner is selected by the Mathematics Graduate Committee for an outstanding master's research thesis or research report. Kelly's thesis, "Analysis of Heat and Mass Transfer of a Viscoelastic, Electrically Conducting Fluid Past a Continuous Stretching Sheet," improved the existing results on this problem. A research note, based on the thesis, was submitted for publication.

Kelly was chosen from a pool of 23 graduate teaching assistants by four senior faculty members for recognition as an outstanding instructor of mathematics.

Kelly graduated from Florida State University in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics and a minor in chemistry. She earned a master's degree in mathematical sciences from UCF before entering the doctoral program.

Robert Anschuetz received the Dr. Ed Norman Graduate Award as the graduate student with the highest grade point average in mathematics (3.8). The award was established by Eliane Norman in memory of Ed Norman, a former UCF mathematics professor. This was the second year this award was given.

Anschuetz graduated from Eastern Michigan University with majors in mathematics and computer science. He will earn his master's degree from UCF this summer. He currently works in the simulation field at Velda Inc.

Faculty vote won Jennifer Horne the Hernandez Mathematics Award, which is presented to the most



Students show off the plaques they received at the Mathematics Department's annual awards ceremony. Front row, left to right, are Lisa Zarikian, Debra Kelly and Robert Anschuetz. Back row, left to right, are math professors Rene Rodriguez, Piotr Mikusinski and Lee Armstrong. Rodriguez served as the chair for the Undergraduate Awards Committee; Mikusinski was the chair for the Graduate Awards Committee; and Armstrong was the co-chair for the Ed Norman Graduate Award, the Advanced Calculus Award and the Hernandez Mathematics Award.

outstanding senior in mathematics. Horne graduated this spring from UCF with a degree in pure mathematics. She participated in the Student Work Study Program during her final semester and was employed part-time by Lockheed Martin Corp.

Each year a student is presented the Advanced

Calculus Award for the best class performance and grade by the instructor of the Advanced Calculus class. This year, the instructor, Howard Sherwood, selected Lisa Zarikian, who graduated with a 4.0 in pure math and statistics this spring, was the recipient.

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UCF "WalkAmerica" Team Members Raise Funds



UCF "WalkAmerica" team members gather following the April 29 WalkAmerica event. UCF was represented by 138 walkers, who raised more than \$6,200 for the March of Dimes. The UCF team also placed second in Division II for dollars raised. The team will walk again on Oct. 28 for Juvenile Diabetes. All those interested in joining this walk, call Betty Conklin at the UCF Community Relations office at 423-6931.

People

Employee of the Month

Name: Donna Hickson

Title: Collections manager

Department: Student Accounts

Job description: She handles collection for tuition, short- and long-term loans, library fines, health service fees and other fees incurred by students. She monitors all of the university's accounts that are past due. First, she places "holds" on records to prevent people who owe money from registering, graduating or anything else until the fee is taken care of. If necessary, she sets up a payment plan or works with a collection agency. She also works with other types of "holds" that involve required health forms, transcripts, competency exams and tests scores.

Length of service: She's worked at UCF for 15 years in the same office, but had been a student assistant there since 1978. She started as a full-time employee in 1980 while she continued to work on her college degree. She earned a degree in finance with a computer minor from UCF in 1982.

Background: She was born in Wisconsin, but was raised in Redlands, Fla., which is near Homestead. Her father wanted her to go to college at the University of Florida, but she didn't want to because the school was too big. Instead, she came to UCF because she liked the distance between downtown Orlando and the university. She started as an accounting major. She and her husband have a 12-year-old son Daniel.

Hobbies: She is an avid water skier, having been one of the first women water skiers to join the sport at UCF, which was a club activity at that time. She also loves looking at and shopping for crafts. She likes anything that involves being outside, such as gardening, bike riding, roller blading and sailing.

Quote: "I like the variety of my position. I like dealing with the people—only a few are difficult. I have an excellent job. I'm not just stuck in my office all day, but work with faculty and staff. I worked as a girl Friday in a manufacturing company, and I did everything. I really liked that. That was why I switched from majoring in accounting to finance, so I could have more interaction with people. My job involves a continuous cycle of activities, but

every day is different. I hear a whole new set of stories each day as to why the fees weren't paid. It's funny—I can remember the stories better than anything else about the people I deal with. Regardless, I ask everyone their names, so they're not just numbers or stories to me. I also try to personalize any correspondence with them. I want them to know that a real person is dealing with their problems to try and encourage them to respond to me."

In Praise: Collections is a no-glamor type of job. You have to be well-organized and have a lot of initiative, which is the case with Donna. You have to be able to tell people specifically why their accounts are in collection, so you have to be able to answer their questions quickly and very specifically. You have to be able to do two or three things at the same time. Donna is able to do that. She is very flexible and can handle any distractions. She is very much in control—people aren't going to walk all over her, but on the other hand, they feel that they can talk to her. And that's important.

—Richard House, loan officer, Student Accounts



Appointments and Activities

Carol Bast, assistant professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, recently published an article "The Plight of the Minority Motorist" in "New York Law School Law Review." She also published an article "A Solution to the Evaluation Dilemma" in the "Journal of Paralegal Education and Practice."

C. Denise Caldwell, professor, Department of Physics, was appointed a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee by the Board of Directors of Sincrotrone Trieste. Located in Trieste, Italy, this private company owns and operates ELLETRA, one of the newest and most modern synchrotron radiation laboratories in the world. Synchrotrons are built to produce radiation in the vacuum ultraviolet and x-ray regions of the spectrum, energies which lasers are not able to achieve. Caldwell was chosen for this position as a consequence of her international reputation for research in atomic and molecular physics using synchrotron radiation.

Lokenath Debnath, chair, Mathematics Department, has recently published another graduate-level textbook, "Continuum Mechanics." The book, 660 pages long, was published by Academic Press and written jointly with professor D.S. Chandrasekhariah of Bangalore University, India. This project began in the 1980s and was completed when Chandrasekhariah came to UCF as a Fulbright Fellow for one year. It was primarily written for a graduate course in applied mathematics, or mechanical and aerospace engineering or engineering mechanics. This is also intended to serve as a ready reference to the audience interested in research in applied mathematics, solid and fluid mechanics, engineering sciences and mathematical physics. Both Debnath and Chandrasekhariah conducted extensive research on continuum mechanics, solid mechanics and elasticity, and published many papers on the subject. They also taught graduate-level courses on the subject and prepared a set of lecture notes. It is the expanded version of their lecture notes on continuum mechanics, normally a required course for graduate students in applied mathematics, engineering sciences, mechanical and aerospace engineering. This is the 11th advanced-level book published by Debnath.

Miriam Finegold, M.D., Student Health Services, was awarded the Physician Recognition Award by the American Medical Association, which includes the period from June 1995 to January 1998. The award is given to physicians who

have voluntarily completed programs of continuing medical education.

Madelyn Flammia, associate professor, English Department, edited "Perspectives on the Profession of Technical Communication," published by the Society for Technical Communication, Arlington, Va. She also presented a paper titled "Portfolios: How to Create Them, Assess Them, and Use Them to Get Hired" at the Society for Technical Communication Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., April 24-26.

Dan Jones, associate professor, English Department, presented a paper titled "Your Portfolio and the Internet" as a panelist on "Portfolios: How to Create Them, Assess Them, and Use Them to Get Hired" at the Society for Technical Communication Conference in Washington, D.C., April 24-26. He also presented a paper titled "Involving Technical Communicators in Portfolio Assessment" as part of a panel called "Links Between Academic and Industry" at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in Washington, D.C., March 23-25.

Jin Kim, professor, CREOL and the Physics Department, was appointed as a research professor on a permanent basis at the Research Center for Dielectrics and Advanced Matter Physics (RCDAMP) of Pusan National University, Pusan, South Korea, and is supported by the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation. Kim's appointment was arranged in an effort to establish an international collaborative research program between CREOL and RCDAMP. As a research faculty member, Kim has been awarded research funds directly from RCDAMP. He will conduct research in lasers and nonlinear optics and supervise doctoral students at Pusan National University.

Joyce Mastriani, executive assistant, University Relations, was elected Woman of the Year by the members of her chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Special recognition will be given to each of the award winners at the annual convention in Portland this fall.

Stuart Omans, professor, English Department, was named to the national advisory board of the Southern Shakespeare Festival. Major Hook proclaimed March 24 to be Stuart Omans Day in Orlando, to honor Omans for his

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For sale/rent

Alpine 72945 Tape Deck, with CD changer controller and Alpine 5952V (CD changer has 8 changer magazines-6 discs capacity), \$450/OBO. 2 Kenwood KAC941 AMPS/built-in crossover/cooling fans/4/40 watts, also bridgable, \$200 each. 2 Bazooka 6-1/2" tubes, \$150 for pair. Dan or Patti or leave message, 658-4558.

Bicycle Frame, Trek 2000, 58cm, aluminum, lightweight, blue, excellent condition. \$300/OBO. Also, 1978 Colnago frame, 56cm. Peter, 823-4663 or 365-4121 (leave message).

Condo for rent, available Sept. to May. 3-bedroom, 2-bath condo near downtown Orlando. Gated community with carport, pool, tennis courts, sauna. Partially furnished. \$725 per month. Non-smokers only. 843-8389.

Condo for rent, 2-bedroom, 2-1/2 bath townhouse in Hidden Oaks. Goldenrod/University Blvd. area. Washer/dryer, eat-in kitchen, wet-bar, new carpet, newly decorated. Community pool. \$550 per month. David, 658-6817 or 359-1460 or leave message.

Condo for sale, Hunter's Reserve 1.5 block north of UCF on Alafaya Trail. Asking \$56.5k, but will work with UCF faculty staff. Address: 100 Reserve Circle, #104, Oviedo, FL 32765. 366-3219 or 823-5599. Listed with Buy Owner.

Corvette, 1979, fully loaded, two sets of t-tops, excellent condition, white, appraised at \$9,000.00, will sell for \$7,000.00 or best offer. Please call Bill at 339-2043. All maintenance records kept.

Engagement ring, 1/3 carat solitaire diamond, S-1, in white gold setting. Like new, must sacrifice. \$350 firm. Kim, 629-4977 evenings.

Home for rent, Oviedo, 6 miles from UCF. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, in ground pool, microwave, dishwasher, washer/dryer, heavily wooded area. \$900.00 per month. For more information contact Karen Knox of the Jander Group, Inc. at 679-3100.

Home for rent, 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex in the Maitland/Fern Park area. Newly refurnished, new carpet, paint, ceiling fans, Orkin pest control and storage shed. Washer and dryer included. Available in August. \$450.00 per month, \$500.00 deposit. 339-2043. On a cul-de-sac.

Home for sale, a unique environment in Old Oviedo. Artist's home, 1,200 sq. ft., multi-level studio/workshop/apartment under canopy of trees on approximately one acre. Courtyard, pool, spa, Mexican tile, Florida porch, privacy. \$170,000's. 365-7871.

Honda Accord LXi, '86, 3 D, auto, 4 cyl., p/l, c/c, p/s, p/w, a/c, AM/FM, 126k. 2000.00/OBO. 366-6122.

Lakefront home, 3 miles west of UCF. Beautiful home, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths. Over 3,000 square feet. Teakwood floors, gorgeous open deck area. Must see. Majestic lake view. \$349,900. Jerry Guinn, 841-7253.

Ocean-front condo for rent—3 bedrooms, 3 baths, at Daytona Beach Shores. Unfurnished, a year's lease. An hour and 10 minutes from UCF. \$1,200/month. 695-4742.

One-bedroom apartment for rent in a brand new complex off Colonial, half a mile east of Alafaya, 5 minutes from UCF, sparkling clean pool, fitness room. Second floor, northern lake exposure, w/d, gas, only \$438 per month. 382-6607.

Plymouth Volare, 1978, red, 2-door, standard shift, slant-6 engine. This engine is usually good for at least 200,000; has 113,000. 2-owner car. \$950/OBO. Mary, 823-2190.

Pontiac Bonneville, '88, ice cold a/c, power everything, cruise runs great, blue interior, cool white exterior, asking \$3,950. Matt, 823-5574 or 677-9579.

Portacrib, 25"x38" including mattress, sheet, bumper pad and comforter. \$45. 645-5706.

Professional male needs 1 roommate F/M, N/S to share 4 bedroom, 2 baths, Waterford Lakes home. Lots of room and extras. \$500 includes all except phone. Good references. Todd, 384-9770 or 380-3737. Available June.

Sofa and chair, \$100; cocktail table with glass top, \$45; end table, \$19; full size mattress, \$19 (excellent condition). Call 366-9559 after 9 a.m.

Sofa and loveseat, manufactured by Klaussner, green and white stripes. Excellent condition. Cornices to match in same fabric included (7' and 4.5') \$550 firm. Chris, 677-7123.

Time share condo for sale, ocean front, red time, w/d in unit, second floor, Daytona Beach. Sacrifice \$2,000. All dues paid. 293-3491.

Time share unit, July 23-30 in Sapphire, NC. 40 miles from Asheville. 2-bedrooms with washer and dryer and telephone. One side has hot tub in bathroom. Area amenities include restaurant, lake, beach, indoor pool and horseback riding. \$300. Janet, 823-6125 or 568-0411.

Toyota Camry, '86, excellent condition. Ice cold a/c, stereo cassette, new tires. Must sell. \$2,600 OBO. 823-5742.

Toyota Camry, '86, a/c, sunroof, rebuilt automatic trans., high miles, but well maintained. \$2,400 OBO.

Eric, 823-1011 days or 677-5337.

Toyota Pickup Truck, 1982, with camper top, 133,500 miles, good running; 22R engine, auto/air/radio, good tires. \$2,000. 886-0197 or 322-6678.

Twin bed set, orthopaedic with frame, \$100. Comforter set, female dresser with mirror, \$100. Everything like new, 823-2092 or 679-0907.

Wanted

Copy of "Hooked on Phonics" videotape. Tina, 823-2889.

House to rent or sit for July, August and possibly September for family while house hunting. Jackie Allen-Bond, academic director, ASPECT, 823-3116.

Looking for a college student for babysitting for a 11-year-old daughter. Transportation would be a plus, but not necessary. Karen, 823-6109 or Bob, 823-5608.

Math tutor, for 4th grade elementary student. John 823-6111 or 679-9519.

Postcards, scenic postcards depicting daytime views of city skylines, stadiums, arenas, coliseums and colleges. Will gladly reimburse for cost. Greg, 452-9847 or 632-1111, extension 65552.

Rider(s) to Seattle/Portland area. Leave June 23 and return Aug. 14. '94 Volvo. Bettie Sommer, 678-9383.

Ride wanted to and from Christmas, FL to work at UCF. Will pay generously. 823-3091.

Share home, 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath. In ground pool, washer/dryer available, share utilities in SE Orlando. \$200 per month. Day 823-6100 or evenings 380-1718.

Someone to sew/make slip covers for couch, love seat and chair. Tina, 823-2889.

Used Mac color w/68030 (i.e., IISI) computer, 823-3309 or 767-0478.

Used truck, 87-89 Nissan, Isu., or Mazda. Jim, 823-2384 or 281-1627.

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contributions to the artistic and cultural life of Orlando through the founding of the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival.

Louis Roney, professor, Music Department, and founder and board chair of the Orlando Celebrity Concerts Association, received funding for the three-year project "Festival of Orchestras" for its 1996-97 season. The United Arts of Central Florida granted the festival \$220,500 this spring.

Ernest Smith, associate professor, English Department, published an essay titled "How the Speaking pen has been Impeded; The Rhetoric of Love and Self-hood in Millay and Rich" in "Millay at 100: A Critical Reappraisal," published by Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press.

David Scott Jr., holder, Phillips-Schenck Chair in American Private Enterprise, executive director, Dr. Phillips Institute for the Study of American Business activity, and professor, Finance Department, has been appointed to the Board of

Economists of "Florida Trend: The Magazine of Florida Business." Scott's latest article dealing with the Florida economy, titled "The Water-Slide Economy," appeared in the June issue of "Florida Trend."

Bhimsen Shivamoggi, professor, Mathematics Department, recently returned after two months of conducting research in Japan. He was visiting professor at the Research Institute of Mathematical Sciences at Kyoto University and a senior fellow of the Japan Society for Promotion of Science. During the trip, he presented research seminars in fluid dynamics and plasma physics at Kyoto University, Nagoya University, Nagoya Institute of Technology, the National Institute for Fusion Science at Nagoya, University of Electro-Communications at Tokyo and the University of Tsukuba.

Jan Dossey Terrell, director, Quality Management, was selected to serve on the 25-member National Planning Council for Quality in Higher Education, sponsored by the Conference Board. She recently presented a post-conference workshop titled

"Benchmarking Best Practice in Higher Education" and participated in a panel presentation titled "Examining CQI: Graduate Research on Quality in Higher Education" at the 10th Annual Conference on Assessment and Quality in Boston in June. She also participated in a panel presentation titled, "TQM in Higher Education—A Reality Check" at the Florida Association of Institutional Research Annual Meeting.

John Walters, documents librarian, Library, was named the 11th recipient of the Bernard M. Fry Award for the best article to appear in the "Journal of Government Information" during the preceding year. The award was presented in June during the Government Documents Round Table Reception at the annual meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago. Walters won for his article "Toy Presses and the Rise of Fugitive U.S. Government Documents." In 1993, Walters won the award for his article "Politics as Usual: the Congressional Joint Committee on Printing and Executive Agency Publishing." In the 12-year history of the award, Walter is the only one to win the prize twice.

CALENDAR

July

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- Small Business Development Center: Loan Proposal, 9 a.m.-noon. Details: 823-5444
- Continuing Education Seminar: Building Energy Efficient Homes. Details: 823-6111

14-16

- Kirk Speraw Team Basketball Camp, Arena. Details: 823-3070

17-20

- Center for Professional Development Summer Camp: ICA Cheer. Details: 823-6110

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- Small Business Development Center: Financing Your Business, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Details: 823-5444

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- Small Business Development Center: Business Plan, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and Implementing EDI (Orlando) 9 a.m.-noon. Details: 823-5444

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- Small Business Development Center: ABC's of Exporting, 9 a.m.-noon, and Implementing EDI (DeLand), 9 a.m.-noon. Details: 823-5444
- CAS Orientation. Details: 823-2492

21-23

- Superstar JUCO Basketball Camp, Arena. Details: 823-3070

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- Small Business Development Center: Basics of Selling to the Government (Orlando), 9 a.m.-noon. Details: 823-5444

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- Center for Professional Development Summer Camp: Score Cheer Camp. Details: 823-6110

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- Small Business Development Center: Basics of Selling to the Government, 9 a.m.-noon. Details: 823-5554

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- Small Business Development Center: NAWBO Business Breakfast-Community Health Purchasing Alliance (CHPA), 7:15 a.m.-9:15 a.m.; Tax Forum, 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.; Practical Personnel Tips, 10 a.m.-noon.; Loan Proposal, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Details: 823-5444

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- Twenty-third Annual USPS Awards Banquet. Details: 823-2033/2237.

- Continuing Education Seminar: Commercial Roofing Seminar. Details: 823-6111

29-Aug. 1

- Center for Professional Development Summer Camp: Eastern Cheerleaders Association. Details: 823-6110

29-Aug. 1

- P.O.W.E.R. House Workshop: Home buying workshop, (free), 8:30 a.m.-noon. Details: (407) UCF-ALUM

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- Small Business Development Center: MBE Certification Requirements (Orlando), 9 a.m.-noon. Details: 823-5554
- UCF Volleyball Camp, Arena. Details: 823-3070

August

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- Small Business Development Center: MBE Certification

Requirements (Cocoa), 9 a.m.-noon. Details: 823-5444

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- Center for Professional Development Summer Camp: UCA Cheer II. Details: 823-0417

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- Small Business Development Center: Financing Your Business, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Details: 823-5444

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- Small Business Development Center: Business Plan, 9 a.m.-noon. Details: 823-5444

- Fees due for fall early registrants

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- Commencement
- FTCE, TOEFL

5-6

- Library Closed

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- AlumKids Day Out at Kids at Play, 1-4 p.m. Details: (407) UCF-ALUM

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- Small Business Development Center: Ideas to Dollars - New Product Innovation Workshop, 5-7:30 p.m. Details: 823-5444

7-10

- Center for Professional Development: Modeling of Mobile Source Air Quality. Details: 823-6109/2388

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- Volleyball Camp, Arena. Details: 823-2025

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- Small Business Development Center: OSHA's Most Wanted, 8-10 a.m. Details: 823-5444

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- Advanced Open Water SCUBA Diver Certification Course. Details:

823-6103

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- Small Business Development Center: Franchising: Is It Right For you? 1-3 p.m. Details: 823-5444

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- Library closed

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- Small Business Development Center: Financing Your Business, 1-3 p.m. Details: 823-5444

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- Small Business Development Center: Implementing EDI (Cocoa), 9 a.m.-noon; Business Plan, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Details: 823-5444
- Residence Halls open for Fall Semester

Art: Aug. 25-Oct. 11

- Dorothy Gillespie Painting and Sculptures: 1940-1995, opening reception Friday, Sept. 1, 7-9 p.m. Details: 823-2194

Concert: Aug. 25

- Megadeth/Korn/Flotsam & Jetsam/Fear Factory, Arena, 8 p.m. Details: 823-3070

Athletics: Aug. 22

- Women Soccer Exhibition, Arena, 4 p.m. Details: 823-6345

Library Display: July

- Flowers and Birds by Teresa Lee.
- Vietnamese Culture and Art, by Pham Luyen, Vietnamese-American Student Association, and Nicholas Hoan, Engineering, Dean's Office.
- Responsible Decision Making: Alcohol and Drugs, by Eric Brown, Health Education coordinator, Health Resources Center.
- Theses and Dissertations, by Special Collections, Library.

Faculty Senate Meeting Schedule

1995-1996

Faculty Senate

Steering Committee

Phillips Hall,
room 115
4-5:15 p.m.

Business Administration
Building, room 472
4-5:30 p.m.

1995

- Aug. 31
- Sept. 28
- Oct. 26
- Nov. 30

1996

- Jan. 25
- Feb. 22
- March 21

1995

Meetings may be scheduled
during the summer term

- Sept. 14
- Oct. 12
- Nov. 9

1996

- Jan. 11
- Feb. 8
- March 7
- March 28

THEATRE UCF

Theatre UCF has announced its productions for this summer and for the 1995-96 academic year.

The summer season is presenting its final production. Maxwell Anderson's "The Bad Seed" is July 13-23.

Theatre UCF's 1995-96 season will consist of the comedies "I Hate Hamlet," "I'm Not Rappaport" and "A Flea in Her Ear." Dramas will include "Rashomon" and "Good." The musical "Camelot" will also be performed. For more information, call 823-1500.

Do you have an idea that would save UCF money, generate revenue or just improve campus conditions or safety? Faculty, students and staff can submit those ideas

to the Suggestion Award Program. Adopted suggestions could win you prizes or cash. Two 1994 prize winners won a total of \$12,000. Whether your suggestions are adopted or not, you could win a prize through the Suggestion of the Month Contest. This contest is ongoing, and prizes are awarded each month to the two best suggestions that were submitted the previous month. Suggestion forms are available in the University Personnel Services Office, Administration Building, room 230. Your ideas can make Sen\$e.